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TAGS: UN, XG, OVIP (SCRANTON, WILLIAM V.)

SUBJECT: GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S VISIT TO GENEVA

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SUMMARY: IN COURSE OF TWO-DAY VISIT TO GENEVA GOVERNOR SCRANTON MET WITH HEAD OF UN OFFICE GENEVA WINSPEARE AND HEADS OF PRINCIPLE UN OFFSN GENEVA: COREA (UNCTAD), SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN (UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES), BERKOL (UNDRO) AND MORSE (UNDP) WHO WAS ON VISIT TO GENEVA. HE HAD OPPOTUNITY IN ADDITION TO MEET WITH HEADS OF MOST INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS LOCATED IN GENEVA: MAHLER (WHO), DAVIES (WMO), LONG (GATT) AND BOGSCH (WIPO). SCRANTON WAS LUNCHEON GUEST OF BLANCHARD (ILO) JULY 22. SCRANTON WAS EXTREMELY WELL RECEIVED IN ALL OF HIS CALLS ON THESE EXECUTIVE HEADS, AND REFLECTED ON HIS PART SINCERE INTEREST IN LEARNING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE ABOUT THEIR OPERATIONS. DURING CONVERSATIONS WITH ECOSOC PRESIDENT AKE AND WITH DELEGATES OF BOLIVIA, CONFIDENTIAL

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SRI LANKA AND YUGOSLAVIA, SCRANTON IMPRESSED UPON THEM

IMPORTANCE US ATTACHES TO ACHIEVING FORWARD PROGRESS AT THIS ECOSOC SESSION ON ILLEGAL PAYMENTS PROBLEM BY ACCEPTANCE OF US PROPOSAL. (DETAILS REFTEL.) HIGHLIGHTS OF EXCHANGES DURING CALLS FOLLOW: END SUMMARY.

1. UNOG. SCRANTON ASKED UN UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL WINSPEARE ABOUT TIMOR. WINSPEARE SAID FRETILIN CONTINUED TO SEND HIM MESSAGES ALLEGEDLY REPORTING SITUATION IN EAST TIMOR. WINSPEARE CONCLUDED THAT, ON THE BASIS OF HIS OWN EARLIER OBSERVATIONS IN EAST TIMOR, MUCH OF THIS FRETILIN MATERIAL WAS "PROPAGANDA." WINSPEARE ADDED THAT, ALTHOUGH CLAIMING MUCH OF EAST TIMOR TO BE UNDER ITS CONTROL, FRETILIN HAD NOT SPECIFIED A PLACE WHERE IT WOULD RECEIVE HIM IN EAST TIMOR. HE NOTED TOO WALDHEIM'S RECENT LETTER TO UNSC PRESIDENT WHICH CONVEYED UN LEGAL ADVISER'S OPINION THAT, IN AFTERMATH OF WALKHEIM'S JUNE 22 REPORT TO UNSC, FURTHER UNSC ACTION WOULD BE REQUIRED TO RENEW WALDHEIM'S MANDATE TO ASSESS SITUATION IN EAST TIMOR. SINCE WINSPEARE CONSIDERED IT UNLIKELY THAT UNSC WOULD MEET SOON AGAIN ON TIMOR TO RENEW WALKHEIM'S MANDATE HE DID NOT EXPECT TO BE RETURNING. IN OTHER COMMENTS, WINSPEARE REFERRED TO HIS ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES IN PROVIDING STAFF SORELY NEEDED IN GENEVA FOR MEETINGS ELSEWHERE.

2. UNCTAD. DISCUSSION WITH UNCTAD SYG COREA WAS ON GENERAL PLANE IN WHICH COREA DESCRIBED RANGE OF UNCTAD ACTIVITIES, BUT IT REVEALED, TOO, THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN COREA'S THINKING ON THE SCHEDULING OF THE COMMODITIES AND COMMON FUND CONSULTATIONS (AS OUTLINED IN GENEVA 5569).

3. UNHCR. CONVERSATION WITH HIGH COMMISSIONER SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN OPENED WITH ACCOUNT BY HIM OF HIS JUST COMPLETED TRIP TO ALGERIA. HE COMMENTED THAT THEY SYRIAN INTERVENTION HAD DRIVEN A RIFT IN THE ARAB WORLD WHICH WOULD NOT BE HEALED FOR MANY YEARS, AND REMARKED THAT, WHILE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT HAD NOT YET PRONOUNCED ITSELF ON SUBJECT, GOVERNMENT LEADERS WERE FURIOUS WITH SYRIA FOR ITS ROLE IN LEBANON. CONFIDENTIAL

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TAKING UP SUBJECT OF PALESTINIAN REFUGEES AND THE CURRENT SITUATION IN LEBANON, SCRANTON URGED THAT THE UN START DOING SOME THINKING AND PLANNING NOW FOR HUMANITARIAN RELIEF OPERATIONS IN LEBANON AND ADJACENT AREAS IN ORDER THAT A PROGRAM MIGHT BE READY WHICH COULD BE PUT INTO EFFECT AT THE PROPER TIME AND NOT OVERWHELMED BY POLITICAL CONFLICTS. SADRUDDIN AT FIRST OBJECTED THAT THE POLITICAL AND HUMANITARIAN

PROBLEMS WERE INTERTWINED AND COULD NOT BE SEPARATED. HOWEVER, AS CONVERSATION WORE ON HE ALLOWED THAT A UN TASKS FORCE COULD BE FORMED WHICH COULD DO CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR POST-WAR LEBANON AND TOWARD RESOLUTION OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM GENERALLY. BOTH AGREED THAT SUCH PLANNING WOULD HAVE TO BE EXTREMELY FLEXIBLE AND ADAPTABLE TO CHANGING CONDITIONS AND NEW GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURES AS THEY EMERGE. SADRUDDIN STATED HE WOULD RAISE THE SUBJECT WITH WALDHEIM. BOTH ALSO AGREED THAT JURISDICTIONAL AREAS OF CONFLICT AND OVERLAP BETWEEN UN BODIES IN THIS EFFORT WOULD HAVE TO BE RESOLVED AND THAT IT WOULD NOT BE ADEQUATE TO THE PROBLEM SIMPLY TO UPDATE OR EXPAND UNRWA ACTIVITIES.

4. UNDRO. AFTER DESCRIBING, AT SCRANTON'S REQUEST, UNDRO'S PURPOSE, ORIGIN AND STRUCTURE, UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL BERKOL CITED ITS MAIN PROBLEMS, MAINLY IN THE ORGANIZATIONAL AREA AND IN OPERATIONAL CONFLICTS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. HE SPECIFICALLY CITED THE CASE OF THE ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE WHERE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS HAD ARRIVED ON THE SCENE AND BEGUN THEIR WORK BEFORE UNDRO COULD ORGANIZE ITS ACTIVITIES. BERKOL EARLIER SAID THAT HE REGARDED THE SCRANTON VISIT AS EVIDENCE OF CONTINUING US INTEREST AND SUPPORT FOR UNDRO AND, IN THIS VEIN, HIS DEPUTY, ROSSBOROUGH, MADE A PLEA FOR US SUPPORT AT FORTHCOMING UNGA WHEN ITEM OF UNDRO FUNDING COMES UP.

5. GATT. DIRECTOR GENERAL LONG EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE UN COULD BE CONTAINED FROM INTERFERING IN THE ONGOING TRADE WORK OF THE GATT, AND NOTED THAT UNCTAD IN PARTICULAR WAS JALOUS OF GATT TRADE AUTHORITY

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AND WAS CONSTANTLY GENERATING EFFORTS TO MOVE INTO THE GATT AREA. HE FELT GATT HAD BEEN ABLE TO DO SO MUCH GOOD WORK PARTLY BECAUSE OF ITS DISTANCE FROM THE "POLITICIZATION" WHICH UNAVOIDABLY CREEPS INTO UN ACTIVITIES. WITH RESPECT TO THE FUTURE, LONG OBSERVED THAT THE MTN ONCE COMPLETED, SHOULD GIVE GATT SOMETHING TO BANK ON. HE POINTED OUT THAT GATT IS NOW TACKLING FOR THE FIRST TIME THE FIELD OF NON-TARIFF TRADE BARRIERS AND IS ENDEAVORING TO UPDATE ITS TRADING RULES. IN THIS RESPECT, ONE CHANGE WHICH WOULD SEEM INEVITABLE WOULD BE FOR TARIFF PREFERENCES EXTENDED TO LDCEs TO BECOME PERMANENT INSTEAD OF REQUIRING A WAIVER AS THEY NOW DO. LONG HOPED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE TRADE LIBERALIZING ACTIVITIES OF THE GATT, AS US INITIATIVE

WAS REALLY THE MOVING FORCE BEHIND THIS ACTIVITY.
WHILE OTHERS, INCLUDING THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, GENERALLY
FAVOR SUCH WORK, THEY RELY ON THE US TO PROVIDE THE
LAUNCHING PUSH.

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6. ILO. IN LUNCHEON CONVERSATION BLANCHARD GLOWED ABOUT
HIGHLY POSITIVE OUTCOME OF ILO ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND
WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE, AND SAID HE WAS NOT
FIRMLY CONVINCED US WOULD NOT WITHDRAW FROM ORGANIZATION.
HE FELT HIS CONTINUOUS CONFIDENCE ABOUT THIS WAS NOW
BEING VINDICATED IN EYES OF THOSE WHO EARLIER WERE
PESSIMISTIC ABOUT KEEPING THE US IN. (UNLIKE HIS

CUSTOMARY PRESENTATION ON THIS THEME HE DID NOT WARM DARKLY
ABOUT ILO BEING TURNED OVER TO SOVIETS IF US WITHDREW.)
HAVING HEARD FROM DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL MACDONALD
THAT ADMINISTRATION INTENDED TO REQUEST NO FUNDS FOR
ILO CONTRIBUTION, BLANCHARD MADE STRONG APPEAL TO
SCRANTON TO HAVE THIS DECISION REVERSED. HE
POINTED OUT IMPOSSIBILITY OF TRYING TO CARRY OUT ILO
PROGRAM WITH 25 PERCENT HOLD IN THE BUDGET, AND REASONED
FURTHER THAT ILO PROGRAM IS WHOLLY CONSISTENT WITH
AND SUPPORTIVE OF US AIMS.

7. WHO. WHO DIRECTOR GENERAL MAHLER RESPONDED IN
DETAIL TO QUESTIONS PUT TO HIM BY SCRANTON, ELABORATING UPON WHO PROGR
AMS IN FIELDS OF TRAINING, SMALLPOX
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ERADICATION AND TROPICAL DISEASES. ASKED BY SCRANTON
WHAT PROBLEMS WHO HAS WITH US, MAHLER STARTED OFF BY
OBSERVING WHO WOULD NOT HAVE EXISTED WITHOUT THE
PRODDING OF THE US AND WOULD NOT BE DOING SO WELL TODAY
WITHOUT US SUGGESTIONS THAT WHO UNDERTAKE CERTAIN
HEALTH INITIATIVES. MAHLER THEN IDENTIFIED HIS PROBLEM
WITH THE US AS THAT OF NEED FOR "RISK MONEY." US
IS, IN MAHLER'S OPINION, OVERLY CAUTIOUS IN PROVIDING
THIS KIND OF FUNDING. HE COMMENTED THAT WHO
AND AID STILL DO NOT COOPERATE ENOUGH IN THE FIELD
BUT THAT HEADQUARTERS COORDINATION AT THE GENEVA
AND WASHINGTON LEVELS HAS IMPROVED REMARKABLY IN THE
PAST TWO YEARS. HE REMARKED, HOWEVER, THAT COOPERATION
HAS GREATLY IMPROVED IN AFRICA BETWEEN THE WHO AFRICAN
REGIONAL OFFICE AND USAIDS. PURSUING QUESTION FROM
SCRANTON OF WHETHER WHO IS DOING EVERYTHING IN HEALTH
FIELD IT SHOULD BE DOING, HE AFFIRMED THAT HE FELT
WHO WAS DOING THE RIGHT THINGS BUT SHOULD BE DOING
MORE. HE COMMENTED ON NEED FOR WORK IN AREAS OF
"SERVICE DESIGN AND MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT" AND REFERRED
TO THE IMPORTANCE OF WHO'S WORK IN SETTING UP "HEALTH
SERVICES MANPOWER INSTITUTES" IN SUCH COUNTRIES AS IRAN,
INDONESIA AND THAILAND. MAHLER EXPRESSED VIEW THAT UN
SHOULD DO MORE IN MULTI-SECTORAL PROJECT PLANNING AND
EXECUTION AND THAT WORLD BANK SHOULD SHARE RESULTS
OF ITS WORK WITH OTHERS.

8. WHO. DURING USEFUL AND CORDIAL FIFTY-MINUTE
CONVERSATION WITH WMO SYG DAVIES, SCRANTON LAMENTED
GENERAL LACK OF AWARENESS IN US REGARDING EXISTENCE
AND WORK OF MOST UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. DAVIES,
IN REPLY, NOTED THAT WMO'S TOTAL BUDGET FOR PUBLIC
RELATIONS WAS SOMETHING IN VICINITY OF \$2 THOUSAND.
THEY AGREED THAT PUBLIC SHOULD BE MADE MORE AWARE OF
WMO'S HIGHLY IMPORTANT WORK. WHEN SCRANTON ASKED
DAVIES VIEW AS TO DEFICIENCIES IN WMO PROGRAMS, DAVIES
CONSIDERED LACK OF FUNDING FOR COOPERATION WITH
WORLD FOOD PROGRAM TO CREATE ONE OF MOST SIGNIFICANT
GAPS IN WMO'S ACTIVITIES.

9. WIPO. DIRECTOR GENERAL BOGSCH TOLD SCRANTON HIS
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BIGGEST PROBLEM IS THE LDCS WHO THREATEN THAT UNLESS THEY GET THEIR WAY ON THE REVISION OF THE PARIS CONVENTION, THEY WILL LEAVE THE ORGANIZATION. HE INDICATED THAT UNCTAD ADVISES LDCS ON THE POSITIONS THEY SHOULD TAKE ON THIS SUBJECT. BOGSCH NOTED THAT WITHIN THE US HE NEEDS HELP ON SECURING US RATIFICATION OF THE TRADEMARK REGISTRATION TREATY WHICH IS OPPOSED BY MANY TRADEMARK AGENTS. RETURNING TO HIS CONCERNS ABOUT UNCTAD'S INFLUENCE, HE URGED THAT US CONTINUE TO PROTECT WIPO FROM UNCTAD. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY DIVISION OF UNCTAD, AS A RESULT OF UNCTAD IV, WILL PROBABLY DOUBLE ITS STAFF, AND COMMENTED THAT THIS DIVISION IS NOW HIRING GOOD PEOPLE WHOM BOGSCH WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HIRE HIMSELF IF HE HAD THE FUNDS. HE PREDICTED THAT FUTURE PROBLEM WILL COME WITH LDC DISSATISFACTION ABOUT INEQUITIES IN THE LICENSING OF TRADEMARKS, AND POINTED TO MEXICO'S NEW TRADEMARK LAW REQUIRING THAT A NATIONAL TRADEMARK ACCOMPANY FOREIGN TRADEMARKS.

10. UNDP. DURING SCRANTON'S 30-MINUTE MEETING WITH UNDP DIRECTOR MORSE, WHO WAS ALSO ON VISIT TO GENEVA, MORSE UNDERLINED GREAT STORE OF GOODWILL US ENJOYED IN DEVELOPING NATIONS. MORSE STRESSED KEY IMPORTANCE OF CAPITALIZING ON THIS. MORSE SAID ALSO THAT BY DINT OF CONTINUED EFFORT HE HOPED TO HAVE UNDP BUDGETARY DEFICIT IN HAND BY END OF YEAR. ABRAMS

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